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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi IIDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 10/661,598

Examiner: D. G. GENTRY

Filed: September 15, 2003

Docket No.: 117172

For: SERVICE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the April 3, 2006 Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Claims 1-13 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Paul Tsou, during the April 18, 2006, personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated in the remarks below. In particular, while a process may be executed by multiple devices connected over a network, when one or more errors occur in a device process such as format conversion, for example, the errors may be reported and the device process continues with other portions of data that may be processed.

As discussed below, Tanimoto was not directed to continuing a process of a device discussed above. Rather, when Tanimoto encountered an error in a device, another external device made decisions to disable portions of the device in which the errors occurred and thus necessarily discontinued the process performed by the disabled device.